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Bird's Eye View of Central Illinois

PRETTY BRIDE REBELLED

Della Hergenrather Refused To Let Marriage Proceed Before a Justice.

INSISTED ON A PRIEST

Springfield, Ill. June 27.—If you don't think enough of me to be married by a Catholic priest, I am going back home.

This spoke pretty Della Hergenrather, aged 24, of Tiffin, Ohio, who is engaged to be married to a young man of the same name, who is a Catholic priest.

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COLD STORAGE.

Stonington People Will Soon Get Beer By Wholesale.

Stonington, June 27.—Stonington, with strong prohibition tendencies, has for years, is to have a beer depot to enable its citizens to drink by wholesale instead of retail. Just beyond the village limits, on the Wabash right of way and near the coal mine, the Helms Brewing company of East St. Louis, is building a cold storage and in the near future will be dealing out its product.

JURY DISAGREES.

In Mt. Auburn Gambling Case and State Taken Hand.

Taylorville, June 27.—After a trial lasting all day and far into the night, the jury in the case of Patrick Brust, of Mt. Auburn, charged with conducting a gambling house, failed to agree and were discharged at 10 o'clock Monday night. The case was tried before Judge Hundel and is the first of a series growing out of the case made by the sheriff's office one week ago.

The state immediately filed another complaint and prepared to go on with the fight when the defendant, Brust, pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 and costs. Brust and his wife then left and were fined \$10 and costs each—all amounting to \$75, which Brust paid.

The trial of the five other defendants is set for July 6.

IMPURE FOODS AND MEDICINES

Denounced at Meeting of the Tri-State Medical Society.

Galesburg, Ill. June 27.—At the fourteenth annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical Society, comprising the states of Missouri, Iowa and Illinois, which opened here today, Dr. C. F. Wagner of Fort Madison, Iowa, read a paper strongly condemning the adulteration and sale of impure food and patent medicine vendors practice.

"Preservatives, while subserving the ends of the producer, are usually poisonous and detrimental to the health of the consumer," said Dr. Wagner. "Canned goods, such as vegetables, meats, sugars, honey, syrups, have endless and dangerous substitutes, while baking powders, coffee, cocoa, tea and their substitutes even are endlessly adulterated. Many bread samples contain soap. Chicago alone makes more Vermont maple sugar than the Green Mountain state. All chemists are not honest men and some are adulterated goods prove."

"I am grieved to say that ministers of the gospel, dear, credulous souls, lawyers, judges, and congressmen are among those who testify to the merits of cheap nostrums made out of the adulterated alcohol, sugar, water, and flavoring extracts."

BILL SIME FRENCH IN SULLIVAN JAIL

Bad Man From Allenville Taken in Charge by Sheriff.

Allenville, Ill. June 26.—Bill Sime French of Allenville fame was arrested at Sullivan by Sheriff Wright on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and disorderly conduct. He is now in jail.

He was under the influence of liquor and called at the state's attorney's office. The latter, seeing his condition and fearing trouble, asked the Frenchman to leave the office or he would shoot. Officers were summoned and French was arrested.

French demanded that Jull release his wife, who has been in jail at Decatur several weeks.

WABASH WILL MEET CENTRAL

Makes Rate to Meet the Interurban on Latter Road.

Champaign, June 27.—The Wabash, at last waking up to the interurban competition, will give rates to meet those in force on Illinois Central interurban trains running between Decatur and Springfield. The only notice the Wabash has hitherto taken of any kind of interurban service was to make a \$1 rate for Sunday between Decatur and Springfield. Now it will meet the Central's rates to the two towns named and will go to the Central a little better by checking baggage rates.

FOLLOWS THE DECATUR IDEA

Mattoon Merchants Organize and Will Issue Rating Book.

Mattoon, June 27.—The Mattoon merchants who persistently refuse to "dig up" at regular intervals following pay day to square himself with his grocer, butcher and other tradesmen is to have had sledding in the future. If the present plan of the retail merchants of the city is carried into execution, a rating book, a polite term for a financial "blacklist" is to be prepared and each merchant who becomes a member of the association, will pledge himself to not extend credit to anyone with an unfavorable record.

A representative of the State Retail Merchants' association was in the city a few days ago to meet the members of the Chamber of Commerce, in the interest of the state association, and particularly in regard to the plan for a rating book.

The Chamber of Commerce referred the rating book matter to the retail merchants, as the latter alone were interested in this, with a result that it was decided by the merchants to go ahead with the work.

A local rating book had been begun by Mattoon parties, and arrangements were made to turn this over to the state association.

WARRANTY DEEDS.

Clinton, Ill. June 27.—Annie Reed to George Williams, land in Creek township, \$3,500.

Block Tick to Paul J. Mallon, lot 4 block 30 original town of Clinton, \$1,600.

Phoebe A. Miles to Perry Moreland, land in Clinton township.

W. H. Morrison to Thomas H. Cusey, lot 5 and 6, block 20, Weedman and McCord's addition to Farmer City, \$2,500.

TICKETS DOING WELL

Shipped Six Carloads of Produce from the City on Wednesday.

FOR FIVE BIG SYSTEMS

Danville, Ill. June 27.—For the first time in the history of the Illinois Traction system, the officials of the road have decided to issue for sale inter-changeable mileage books.

HE PUTS ON A HEAVY FINE

Judge Smith Imposed Several Heavy Fines in the County Court Yesterday.

DECATUR OFFERS HELP

Citizens of That Place Becoming Enthusiastic Over Weldon Springs.

PROFITABLE TREE.

Windsor, June 26.—John Ramsey and Linze Cox saw a tree on a hill back of George Cochran's farm several days ago. It was converted into 850 fence posts, which sold at 12 cents each, and twenty loads of wood which sold at \$150 each. The total worth of the tree was \$136.25.

MILLAN ACQUITTED

Cotterell Fined \$100 and Decides to Board with the Sheriff.

SHERIFF ARRESTS COUPLE OF COONS

Fill Description of Men Who Committed Galesburg Robbery.

UNIVERSALISTS HOLD CONTEST

Miss Bessie Roberts Won the Prize From Six Other Contestants.

COMPLETE AND RIGID

Checking System Adopted by the Grocers for This Year's Picnic.

ASSOCIATION.

Toledo 4; Louisville 3. Minneapolis 1; Kansas City 2. St. Paul 5; Milwaukee 8. Second: St. Paul 4; Milwaukee 7. Indianapolis 3; Columbus 2. (Ten innings.)

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SYNDICAL CONVENTION.
Call for a syndical convention to be held at the 24th annual convention of the state of Illinois.

A meeting of the republicans and central committee in and for the 24th annual convention of the state of Illinois, held at the Hotel Hamilton, Chicago, Ill., on the 24th day of June, 1906, and the following resolutions were adopted:

The first number of delegates to the county of DeKalb will be entitled to said convention will be 15.

What the republicans want is to see the primary law given a fair start without being handicapped with voluntary interference with its provisions.

The present republican county central committee is above the average in intelligence and if it has taken the pains to find out what the character of the primary law is and that it is a law which should be respected there is no danger that it will commit any serious blunder.

The influence of a member of the central committee in forming delegate balls in his district is just as great as exerted without orders from the central committee, as with orders voted by himself as a committee member in an official meeting of the committee, but there is a wide difference between using his influence as a voter in his district and putting up a delegate ticket by order of the committee.

The attorney general says "Nowhere in the (primary election) act, however, is it made the duty of the county central committee nor is it authorized, as a county central committee, to designate, in each delegate district, the persons whose names shall be placed upon the delegate ballot as candidates for delegates to the state, congressional, senatorial and county conventions." And then he adds to the effect that if a central committee does so without authority the delegate ballot prepared by it or by a precinct (committee), in order of the committee "this no more official sanction than a delegate ballot prepared, printed and distributed by the humblest citizen." This ought to settle any further contention.

WILL IT BE ROOSEVELT?

It requires a good deal of courage for the political prophet to risk his reputation by predicting probable political events two years ahead. Notwithstanding this fact, however, the nomination of W. J. Bryan as the democratic candidate is predicted by a good many political prognosticators. This may have something to do with causing the predictions from a good many quarters that, notwithstanding what the president has said to the contrary, that Roosevelt will be the republican nominee. Some feel assured that this is not possible, but stranger things have happened in politics than that. If the packers and Standard Oil people and others whose affairs have been brought into the limelight and who are being prosecuted by him for violations of the law, line up for Bryan, which now seems likely, in order to humiliate the present administration and the republican party there is certain to be something doing and the logical thing is the re-nomination of Roosevelt.

William L. Ward, national republican committeeman from New York, has expressed the belief that the people will insist upon the re-nomination of Roosevelt when the time comes. His reasons follow:

"President Roosevelt is endeavoring to accomplish by the peaceable means of the ballot box and courts what the people might attempt to accomplish in a few years more by a revolution to overthrow the powerful and law-breaking combinations of capital. President Roosevelt has undertaken a tremendous task, but he is the man to do it. I believe the people will give him an extension of time."

Ward, who is at the head of a manufacturing concern with \$1,000,000 capital, says his business has suffered through the rebate system practiced by some of his unscrupulous competitors. It is also said that the delegates to the national convention from the district in which Mr. Ward resides are certain to be instructed for Roosevelt and, by the way, these were the first delegates instructed for him in the state of New York in 1904.

DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?
There are still persistent rumors that an effort will be made, at the meeting of the republican county central com-

mittee today to push through the committee a resolution providing that the committee shall name a delegate ticket, or list of delegates for each precinct and delegate district in the county and tax the candidates for county offices to pay for the printing of the same. If this is true it is hard to comprehend how any one who understands the primary election law, its aims and objects, and who has read the life of a citizen of the state, would be so foolish as to attempt to do this. It is absolutely dangerous and contrary to the spirit of the law, would be pernicious and wholly unwarranted and would have the effect of usurping the right, which the law confers upon the legal voters to select the names of delegates, and have ballots printed, that would represent their views. It is not sufficient to say that it does not matter who are delegates. That may or may not be true under present conditions, but suppose it is true now, that it makes no difference, now that give a central committee the right to take such action when the law presumes it is the province of the voters to create delegate tickets and confers no such authority on the committee?

If a committee might be excusable for usurping the rights of the voters, when it makes no difference who the delegates are, would not a committee be equally excusable if it usurped that authority, simply because it had the authority to do it, when it did make a difference? Every central committee should start in a manner that would be consistent with the law under any and all conditions.

Let us take a case in point when conditions were different from what they now are. Take the Hopkins-Yates campaign in Marion county when every inch of ground was contested in Marion county by the republicans. Suppose the present primary law had been in force then. The prime factor in the law is the delegate. The voters express the power of their votes through the delegates they select and succeed in electing. The delegates bearing this important vote, in that contest, every Yates man would have done all in his power to elect Yates delegates in his delegate district and every anti-Yates voter would have exerted himself to elect delegates who represented his views. Suppose under such conditions the county central committee had undertaken to interfere as an organization by assuming the right officially to name delegates, what think you would have been the result? The committee would have been crushed by the disgust of the people. Or to make it still clearer, suppose at the time the committee had been an anti-Yates body, or a majority of the committee opposed Yates and by the power of that majority had by resolution named anti-Yates delegates in every district, what think you would have been the result? The party in the county would have been roused as the result of the district that would have been engendered by such an act. Something else would have happened. Under the right of delegates to contest the primary election before the county court, provided in section 60 of the law, every defeated Yates delegate would have contested on the ground that the central committee had no authority under the law to put up delegates as a committee and without the shadow of a doubt would have won their contention and been seated in the convention, and if, in addition, the candidates for county offices had submitted to be taxed by the committee to get out anti-Yates delegate ballots, those who succeeded at the primaries would have been defeated at the polls and justly so. The same can be said about the contest two years ago.

Similar conditions are liable to arise at any time in a preliminary contest in this county and the only proper course for the central committee to take is one that will fit such a contest as well as times when "it makes no difference" who the delegates are, as some assume. No member of a committee who has the party's interests at heart can afford to vote wrong on the most important matter in the primary law. The intention of the law is to give all the voters equal privileges in the primaries. That is the spirit of the law and any action contrary to this is unfair and indefensible.

WHAT DELEGATES ARE FOR.

The republicans (and other parties) will at the coming primaries under the new law elect the delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions direct without the intervention of a convention. This means that the republican voters should familiarize themselves with the state, congressional and senatorial candidates and put up and vote for delegates who will represent their wishes. This fall we will vote for a state treasurer and for a superintendent of public instruction. These candidates will be nominated at the state convention by delegates elected at the coming primaries. At the primaries our voters will be divided in their choice of candidates. The only way to express that choice fully will be to see that delegates are elected, if possible, who favor the nomination of the candidates they are for not only on the first ballot, but on as many subsequent ballots as are practicable. Any aggregation of voters, who unite in favor of a state candidate, have a right, under the law, to get out a delegate ballot at their own expense containing the names of such men as delegates who will carry out their wishes and no one is justifiable in interfering with that right. Other voters favoring a different state candidate, can also get out a delegate ballot to suit them and no one is justifiable in infringing upon that right. Under the new primary law, the primary in no district would be complete without a delegate ballot. It would be just as incomplete as a delegate ballot without votes to support it. There can ab-

solutely be no more danger that the voters of any district will fail to get out delegate tickets than that the voters will fail to vote.

DELEGATE DISTRICTS.

The following letter from Attorney General Stoddard relating to the formation of delegate districts will be of interest at this time.

Springfield, Ill., June 26.—Hon. A. H. Mills, Decatur, Ill.—Dear Sir: I have your favor of the 18th inst. in which you ask the following questions:

1. "Can two or more delegate districts be joined so as to make a double delegate district entitling said district to two delegates in the state, congressional and senatorial conventions?"

2. "Can an election district be divided, putting part in one delegate district and part in another?"

The number of delegates to which a delegate district will be entitled in the state, congressional and senatorial conventions, respectively, depends upon the call of the respective committees. Under the provisions of section 2 of the primary election act a rule is prescribed for establishing delegate districts for the purpose of electing delegates to state, congressional and senatorial conventions. The rule prescribed is that the delegate district must contain as near as may be 800 voters, but must not contain more than seven contiguous election districts. There may be practical difficulties in carrying out this rule. The questions which arise, however, do not seem to be legal questions, but are practical questions, to be solved by the county central committee, keeping in view the rule established by the legislature. A general election district cannot be divided.

Very respectfully,
W. H. STODDARD,
Attorney General.

It must be borne in mind that in the formation of delegate districts it is impossible to follow the law as to 800 votes in forming republican delegate districts for the reason that the basis of apportionment fixed by the state committee is one delegate for each 400 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Roosevelt. A delegate district containing 800 votes would entitle the district to two delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. The law will not permit a district to contain more than 800 republican votes. The republican votes in contiguous election precincts varies so much that it is impossible to form delegate districts having just or near 800 votes, and as that number cannot be exceeded, it will be found that few districts can be formed entitled to two delegates to the state and other conventions and most of them must be formed to elect one delegate. This county is entitled to sixteen delegates to each of state, congressional and senatorial conventions and the delegate districts must be formed to elect just that number. This means that there cannot be more than sixteen districts. The number will be less according to the number of double delegate districts that can be formed.

REPUBLICAN RECORD.

The closing day of the present session of congress is near at hand and an estimate can be made of its work. It will be found on careful consideration that its work will not only bear comparison with any previous congress for good work, but stands out conspicuously as having legislated well on great and grave questions affecting the people. It is a republican congress and the party will be held up for any shortcomings of congress, imaginary or real, and if this is true it follows that it is entitled to credit for what it has done. It certainly can go before the people on this record.

Among the great and far-reaching measures it has enacted into law are:

The railroad rate bill.
The statehood bill.
The meat inspection bill.
The denatured alcohol bill.
The pure food bill.
The isthmian canal bill.
The employers' liability bill.

In addition to these are a multitude of other very important legislation, among which may be mentioned the following:

Executive departments are prevented from making expenditures in excess of appropriations.
Provided for the marking of the graves of all Confederate soldiers who died in the war.
Purchased Bataan coal fields in Philippine islands.
Provided for delegates for Alaska.
Provided for increased annual appropriation for agricultural experiment stations in the states for conducting original research.

Provided for condemnation of lands needed in connection with river and harbor improvements.
Prevented unlawful use of G. A. R. medals and insignia of other military organizations.

Authorized the secretary of interior to allot Eskimo lands in Alaska.
Passed the terms of settlement for the five civilized tribes of Indians in the territory.

Amended the trade mark law, requiring more specific descriptions.
Redistricted the seacoast and navigable rivers into five great districts.
Provided for \$250,000 vessel to patrol and remove derelicts from American waters.

Reorganized the consular service, providing for a corps of consuls general to inspect the consulates in all countries.

Prevented hazing at the naval and military academies.
Provided for the expedition of appeals from interlocutory orders of district and circuit courts in the appellate court.

Provided for the withdrawal of lands from public entry needed for town sites in connection with irrigation projects under the reclamation act.

Authorized the treasury department hereafter to send fractional silver coin by registered mail, thus establishing competition with express companies.
Established life saving station on Pacific and provided for an ocean-going life saving tug.

Provided for the settlement of Brule

Indian reservation in South Dakota. Appropriated in separate bill \$400,000 for improvement of mouth of the Columbia river.

Raised the authorization of money for purchase of metal for minor coinage from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and provided that coinage of small coins can be carried on in all the mints.

Passed law simplifying the issues of enrollment and license of steam vessels.

Provided for the approval of shipping commissioners' bonds hereafter by secretary of commissioner and labor and not by secretary of treasury as heretofore.

Authorized the loaning by national banks of 10 per cent of capital and 10 per cent of surplus to any one person up to an amount not exceeding 30 per cent of the capital stock.

Opened up for settlement the great pasture reserve of the Kiowa and Comanche reservations in Oklahoma.

Provided in post office bill for separate weighing of all the various branches of second class mail matter and provided for a commission to investigate the entire second class mail problem.

Fixed the liability of motor boats.

Protected the genuineness of the sterling stamp on silver ware.

This list could be doubled and each item would represent weeks of careful work on the part of the great committee through which the house and senate do most of their work.

Considering all things this is a splendid record of faithful work in which is redeemed the promise of the party to the people. It remains to be seen whether the people will show their appreciation by electing another republican congress this fall to stand by the president in the work he has undertaken in the interest of the people. The people can be trusted to reason fairly as to the value of the congress now about to adjourn.

THE PUBLIC BUILDING.

The reports from Washington as to the provisions of the public building bill show that the committee on public buildings and grounds has recommended an increase in the limit of cost for the building in Decatur of \$30,000. The limit of cost in the original bill was \$30,000. The increase of \$30,000, which it passes the house and senate, will, if it passes the house and senate, which it will without doubt, make the total amount \$110,000. Of this amount something like \$13,000 has been expended for a site and other incidentals, which would leave \$97,000 for the building proper.

The bill introduced by Mr. McKinley provided for an increase of \$45,000 which is about the amount the supervising architect one year ago estimated would be necessary to construct such a building as Decatur needs. This amount has been cut down \$15,000 by the committee. There is a bare possibility that the amount may be increased, but if not a very fair building ought to be constructed for \$77,000. This amount will, of course, have to cover the plumbing, heating and water fixtures and curbs and driveways, but not the furniture. The next question will be to get at the construction as speedily as possible.

THE PRIMARY LAW.

The opinion of the attorney general given out by him on Monday and published in the morning papers of the state, touching certain questions involved in the interpretation of the primary election law are very clear.

The preface to the opinion, written by the press correspondent who sent it out, is worthy of consideration. Referring to that part of the opinion which declares that a delegate ballot authorized by a county central committee has no more official sanction than a delegate ballot prepared by the humblest member of a political party, the correspondent says: "It is pointed out by the opponents of the primary law that this will allow all sorts of political manipulations in the way of perverting the voter."

In another place he says: "The attorney general's interpretation of the act shows that these provisions are taken to mean just what a number of politicians have feared and objected to."

These quotations express the opinion of the opponents of the bill; first, those opposed to it on general principles, and second, those opposed to it because it confers upon the voters themselves the selection and election of delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions without the intervention and manipulations of conventions.

The position of The Herald as a republican newspaper, interested in the success of republican principles is not that the present primary law is perfect, but that it is the law, passed by a republican legislature and approved by a republican governor, and is entitled to a fair trial. It is not the law nor the intention of the law that county central committee shall interfere officially in the selection of delegates.

If that was the law it would have conferred that power on the committee and served notice on the people that they had no other right under the law to do anything except go to the polls and vote for whatever was set up for them. The law not having provided that county central committee might interfere with the rights conferred on the people, it would not be giving the law a fair trial for a committee to interfere. If it did no further harm it would confuse the voters, and, worse still, set a bad precedent. Of course, there is no exciting campaign on now, but suppose there was such a campaign, such as we have passed through, and the people were divided, say on two candidates for governor or congressman or state senator, and every effort was being made by the friends of the opposing candi-

dates to get voters for and elect delegates to the convention, would these people tolerate for one minute any interference of a county central committee by an effort to name and manipulate delegates? Of course not, and no committee would dare attempt such an intrusion. Any reasonable person must admit the truth of this. Then no central committee would be justified in setting such a precedent at this time when the new law is on trial.

Members of the county central committee have an undoubted right as individuals to use their influence among the people of their district to get out delegate tickets containing the names of delegates who, if they are elected, will carry out their wishes, but it would be the height of imprudence for a committee in official session as a body to set on foot any scheme to name delegates themselves simply because the law fails to say they shall not do it. Especially when delegate ballots so named have no more official sanction than a delegate ballot put up by the humblest citizen, as the attorney general puts it.

Committees should give the law a fair deal, so that the people may learn by experience and practice how much power the law gives them at a primary. Remember who are astonished at the attorney general's interpretation of the law concerning the rights of the voters in the matter of naming delegates. Those who are opposed to the law and wish to put it in bad repute and those politicians who are opposed to the voters exercising, without interference, the rights the law confers on them.

If, as the attorney general says, the law confers neither power nor authority upon a central committee to name delegates, what reason is there for a committee assuming such authority when it does not count for any more than the action of the humblest voter after it does it? It would be much better not to set a dangerous precedent by attempting such an innovation, and permit each member of the committee to exert his influence among the voters of his district to get the kind of delegates he wants.

The opinion of the attorney general will go a great ways in the state among all political parties to prevent schemes to defeat the intention of the law for selfish purposes or in some cases to create unfair prejudice against it while it is on trial. The voter will not be confused if the spirit as well as the letter of the law is followed by committees.

WALKER.

Walker, Ill., June 26.—William Leiby of Decatur was in Walker on business Saturday.

The following pupils of the Walker Willow Branch and Gregory schools attended the graduation exercises at the Millikin University in Decatur Saturday: Leiby and Beale Jacobs, Fay Lancaster, Ethel Cotner, Bertha Shadlock, Clara Metcalf, Bell Murphy, Nora Mathias, Hazel and Nora Baker, and Nora Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pollard of Lovington are the guests of George Pollard and wife for a few days.

The annual election of officers for the Walker Sunday school was held at the school house Sunday. The following officers were elected: Ernest Poole, superintendent; Miss Leila Jacobs, secretary and treasurer; Miss Nora Wright, organist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Doelen of Macon visited William Miller and family Sunday.

Nathan Carr of Decatur was the guest of his son, Judd Carr, Monday. Ed Hill was in Decatur Friday.

WORK ON THE PYTHIAN HOME

Is Expected to Begin with the Opening of Next Spring.

THE TERMS TO BE MET

Are Not Onerous—Enough Time Allowed.

E. W. Barkman is in receipt of a letter from the Grand Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias giving the details of the work that is left for the local committee to do. Mr. Barkman says there is nothing that the local knights cannot come up to and that there will be no trouble in meeting all of the requirements.

The papers do not have to be signed up until August and Mr. Barkman says that there is ample time to comply with all that the grand lodge will expect. After the papers have been signed there will be nothing more to do until the meeting of the grand lodge in November. This body will then confirm the work of the grand committee and name trustees for the home and complete other preliminaries. It is expected that the work of erecting the first of the buildings at the home will begin in the spring.

Day at White City. J. W. Carter, chairman of the general committee, received a letter asking him to come to Chicago today and attend the Knights of Pythias outing at the White City, where the members of the order are to get a per cent of the ticket sales. This per cent will at once be turned into the fund for the home. Other events of this kind to help along the project are being planned all over the state.

New Committees. At a meeting of the local committee a special committee was named to secure a surveyor and have the ground north of the city platted. This committee is composed of J. M. Dodd, Jacob Keck, and Lee Hall. The lots will be platted and put on sale. This work will be done as speedily as possible.

A. H. Cope was named as a committee of one to confer with the pastors of the city in an effort to get them interested in the work. Already one of the pastors have agreed to do all they could to help along this enterprise.

E. W. Barkman has been continued in the work that he has been doing, having previously so acceptably discharged the duties of the trust.

The general committee having the home in charge will pay a visit to the local lodges and discuss the work in hand. They began last night by calling on Chevalier Bayard Lodge.

Letters of congratulation are pouring into local knights from all parts of the state. J. W. Carter yesterday received a congratulatory letter from C. C. Edgus of Chicago, former grand chancellor, in which he expressed his satisfaction with the home project and said that he felt sure that the local knights and the citizens would give the order a home to be proud of.

He also said that from the hospital that had been attained he was certain that he had made no mistake in selecting the site for the home, and that he was at times been violent and shown an inclination to be destructive. He imagines that everyone is against him and when members of his family have sought to give him medicine he refuses to take anything but the best that the doctors can give him.

DECLARED INSANE.

Young Man Will Be Sent to Hospital For Insane.

In the county court Tuesday Joseph Scholtz, aged 21, was declared to be insane and ordered sent to an asylum. The patient is a victim of nervous trouble and was for a time confined in a private sanitarium from which he was discharged presumably cured.

He has been at times been violent and shown an inclination to be destructive. He imagines that everyone is against him and when members of his family have sought to give him medicine he refuses to take anything but the best that the doctors can give him.

BURIAL OF MRS. W. E. BRIGGS

Services Held Monday Afternoon at Residence—Other Funerals.

The funeral of Mrs. W. E. Briggs was held Monday afternoon from the residence of her parents, 614 N. Wood street, and was largely attended. The many floral offerings bearing testimony to the love which her friends bore for her. Two especially beautiful floral offerings being the ones sent by the officials of the various churches. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of the Misses Helen Millie LaRue Neisler and Ralph Roney and George Scanlan. They sang "Abide With Me," "Rock of Ages," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The pall bearers were Lou Holmes, Edward Mattes, A. F. Evans, T. H. Hoehn, Andrew Hodge and Edward Williams.

The interment was at Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Pet Randle Briggs was born in Decatur, Ill., October 4, 1874, and died at Carbondale, Ill., June 22, 1906, with typhoid fever, after an illness of three weeks. She was a pupil of the public schools and possessed a high school diploma and possessed a happy disposition which found some enjoyment in each day's living which helped and cheered those about her. In early life she united with the Presbyterian church, under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Penhall, who later officiated at her wedding and again at her funeral. On July 20, 1897, she was united in marriage to William E. Briggs, who survives her, together with her parents, and one sister, Mrs. E. S. Hale of this city. Her family and friends have lost a gentle, loving companion, a true friend and might well repeat in reference to her the Master's immortal eulogy of Mary of Bethany, "She hath done what she could."

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THE PILLAR of LIGHT

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Synopsis of Story.

Chapter I.—At twelve an assistant keeper of the lighthouse, pacing the walk, saw a ship in the distance. He saw it first as a dark speck, then as a ship, and finally as a ship with a light on board. He saw it first as a dark speck, then as a ship, and finally as a ship with a light on board.

Chapter II.—The lighthouse contains a large number of rooms. In one of them, a young man, a student of the lighthouse, is sitting at a desk, writing. He is writing a letter to a girl named Constance.

Chapter III.—Eight years later, Constance, a young woman, is sitting at a desk, writing. She is writing a letter to a young man named Enid. She is writing a letter to a young man named Enid.

Chapter IV.—Jackson and Bates are sitting at a desk, writing. They are writing a letter to a young man named Enid. They are writing a letter to a young man named Enid.

Chapter V.—From a lighthouse, a young man named Enid is looking out at the sea. He is looking out at the sea. He is looking out at the sea.

Chapter VI.—During the night, a young man named Enid is sitting at a desk, writing. He is writing a letter to a girl named Constance. He is writing a letter to a girl named Constance.

Chapter VII.—Charles A. Pyne, a young man, is sitting at a desk, writing. He is writing a letter to a girl named Constance. He is writing a letter to a girl named Constance.

Chapter VIII.—The astonished girl could not refuse the evidence of eyes and ears. There was the same old man, the same old man, the same old man.

Chapter IX.—No better cure for their hysteria could be contrived. Brand was obviously not acting. The hearty pulsations of laughter had restored his ruddy color.

Chapter X.—"Here, Enid, drink your parting cup!" he cried. "Have no fear. It is only a declaration of love before many another day."

Chapter XI.—Feeling somewhat ashamed of themselves, though smiling very sweetly, they obeyed him. He sipped his cocoa with real abandon. Another wave turned a somersault over the lantern.

Chapter XII.—Yet was he watching them and humming out the right course to adopt. He alone understood that to the novice the amazing ordeal from which the lighthouse had successfully emerged was as naught compared with the thunderous blows of the waves.

Chapter XIII.—To urge any further effort to sleep was folly. They must remain with him and be comforted.

Chapter XIV.—Being reasonable girls, of fine spirit under conditions less banishing, it was better that they should grasp the facts accurately. They would be timid, of course, just as people are timid during their first attempt to walk 'twixt rock and cataract at the falls of Niagara, but they would have confidence in their guide and endure the surrounding pandemonium.

Chapter XV.—"Here's to you, Enid. Still we live," he cried, and drained his cup.

Chapter XVI.—"I sup-pup-pose so," she stammered. "Better sup up your cocoa," said Constance. "Now I am quits with you for this afternoon."

Chapter XVII.—"I'll tell you what," went on Brand confidentially. "In that locker you will find a couple of stout pilot coats. Put them on. As I cannot persuade you to leave me you must sit down, and it is cold in here. Moreover, for the first time in twenty-one years I will smoke on duty. I have earned a little relaxation of the law."

Chapter XVIII.—Out of the corner of his eye he saw that Constance, if not Enid, had not missed the subtle hint in his words. But she was quite normal again. She gave no sign; helped her sister into the heavy reefer, and made herself comfortable in turn.

Chapter XIX.—"Neither of you will ever regret tonight's experience—when it is nicely over," he said. "You are like a couple of recruits in their first battle."

Chapter XX.—A huge wave, containing several hundred tons of water, smote the lighthouse and cowered over their heads. The house that was founded upon a rock felt not, but it shook through all its iron bound tiers, and the empty cups danced on their saucers.

Chapter XXI.—Not another word could Enid utter. She was paralyzed.

Chapter XXII.—"That fellow—arrived in the nick of time—to emphasize my remarks," said Brand, lighting his pipe. "This is your baptism of fire, if I may strain a metaphor. But you are far better situated than the soldier. He gets scared out of his wits by big guns which are comparatively harmless, and when he has been well pounded for an hour or so he advances quite blithely to meet the almost silent hail of dangerous bullets."

Chapter XXIII.—"So, you see, in his case, ignorance is bliss."

Chapter XXIV.—"Are we in bliss?" demanded Constance.

Chapter XXV.—"You have been. The lighthouse has outlasted a hurricane such as has not visited England before in my lifetime. It is over. The wind has dropped to a No. 10 gale, and we have not lost even a bit of skin to my knowledge. Now the cannonade is beginning. Certainly you may have the glass broken by a rare accident, but no worse fate can befall us."

Chapter XXVI.—A heavy thud was followed by a deluge without. They heard the water peering off the gallery.

Chapter XXVII.—Constance leaned forward, with hands on knees. Her large eyes looked into his.

Chapter XXVIII.—"This time, dad, you are not choosing your words," she said.

Chapter XXIX.—"I am sorry you should think that," was the reply. "I selected each phrase with singular care. Never be misled by the apparent ease of a speaker. The best impromptu is prepared beforehand."

Chapter XXX.—"You dear old humbug," she cried.

Chapter XXXI.—Now the quiet deadliness of the scene which followed the reappearance of Enid and herself from their bedroom was manifest to her. Enid, too, was looking from one to the other in eager striving to grasp the essentials of an episode rapidly grouping its details into sequence.

Chapter XXXII.—Brand knew that if he parried his daughters' questioning they would be on their knees by his side forthwith, and he wished to avoid any further excitement.

Chapter XXXIII.—"Please attend, both of you," he growled, with mock severity. "I am going to tell you something that will console you."

Chapter XXXIV.—His voice was drowned by some part of the Atlantic whirling over the lantern.

Chapter XXXV.—"This kind of thing does not go on all the time," he continued. "Otherwise we should have five hours of spasmodic conversation. As soon as the tide rises sufficiently to gain an uninterrupted run across the reef we will have at least two hours of comparative quiet. About 4 o'clock there will be a second edition for an hour or so. I suppose that any suggestion of bed—"

Chapter XXXVI.—"Will be scorned," exclaimed Enid.

Chapter XXXVII.—"A nice pair of beauties you will be in the morning," he rumbled artfully.

Chapter XXXVIII.—Not even Constance was proof against this new burden of woe. She glanced around.

Chapter XXXIX.—"You say that," she cried, "knowing that the nearest looking glass is yards away."

Chapter XL.—He pointed with his pipe. "In the second drawer of the desk you will find a heliograph. It is only a toy, but will justify me."

Chapter XLI.—They ran together and found the little circular mirror. The next wave passed unheeded. Smiling, he went up to the lamp. Even yet there was hope they might go to bed when the respite came.

Chapter XLII.—After much talk of disordered hair, wan cheeks, rings round the eyes, cracked lips and other outrageous defects which a pretty woman mourns when divorced from her dressing table, Constance called him.

Chapter XLIII.—"Here is a queer thing," she said. "Have you heard any steamer hooting?"

Chapter XLIV.—"No," he answered. Bending between the two of them, he saw that the pointer of the auriscope bore due southwest, though the last siren of which they had any knowledge sounded from the opposite direction.

Chapter XLV.—He picked up a little trumpet resembling the horn of a motor car. "I use this for tests," he explained. "Its tiny vibrator quickly brought the needle round toward his hand."

Chapter XLVI.—"It is impossible in the highest degree that any steamer is near enough to affect the auriscope," he said. "On a night like this they give the coast a wide berth."

Chapter XLVII.—He quitted them again. The girls, having nothing better to do, watched the dial to see if any change occurred. He heard them use the small trumpet three times. Then Enid sang out:

Chapter XLVIII.—"Oh, do come, dad! It goes back to the southwest regularly!"

Chapter XLIX.—He joined in the watch. The needle was pointing north in obedience to the sound waves created in the room. Suddenly it swung round nearly half the circumference of the dial.

Chapter L.—"Hush!" he said. They listened intently, but the roar of wind and water was too deafening. They could hear naught else. He went to the southwest point of the glass dome, but the lantern was so blurred with rivulets of water that he could see nothing save a tawny vastness where the light fell on the flying spindrift.

Chapter LI.—To make sure he tested the auriscope again and with the same result.

Chapter LII.—"A vessel is approaching from the southwest," he announced gravely. "Evidently she is whistling for help. I hope she will not attempt to approach too near the reef. I must have a look out."

Chapter LIII.—He put on an oilskin coat and tied the strings of a sou'wester firmly beneath his chin.

Chapter LIV.—The small door of the lantern opened toward the bay, so he had no difficulty in gaining the gallery. The girls watched him forcing his way against the wind until he was facing it and gazing in the direction of the Selly Isles.

Chapter LV.—"Perhaps some poor ship is in danger, Connie," whispered Enid. "It makes me feel quite selfish. Here was I, thinking of nothing but my own peril, yet that little machine there was faithfully doing its duty."

Chapter LVI.—"It was not alone in its self abandonment. We shall never know, dear-est, how much father suffered when he sent us off with a jest on his lips. I am sure he thought the lantern would be blown away."

Chapter LVII.—"And he with it! Oh, Connie!"

Chapter LVIII.—"Yes, he believed it that awful thing took place while we were below we might escape. I can see it all now. I had the vaguest sort of suspicion, but he hoodwinked me."

Chapter LIX.—"Had we known we would not have left him!" cried Enid passionately.

Chapter LX.—"Yes, we would. Think of him, sticking to his post. Was it for us to disobey?"

Chapter LXI.—Overcome by their feelings, they stood in silence for a little while. Through the thick glass they could dimly distinguish Brand's figure. A great wave assailed the lantern, and Enid screamed loudly.

Chapter LXII.—"Don't, dear!" cried Constance shrilly. "Father would not remain there if it were dangerous."

Chapter LXIII.—Nevertheless they both breathed more freely when they saw him again, an indeterminate shape against the luminous gloom.

Chapter LXIV.—Constance felt that she must speak. The sound of her own voice began to console her.

Chapter LXV.—"I have never really understood dad until tonight," she said. "What an amazing thing is a sense of duty. He would have died here quite calmly, Enid, yet he would avoid the least risk out there. That would be endangering his trust. Oh, I am glad we are here. I have never lived before this hour."

Chapter LXVI.—Enid stole a wondering glance at her sister. The girl seemed to be gazing into depths immeasurable. Afterward the words came back to her mind—"That would be endangering his trust."

Chapter LXVII.—Brand faced the gale a full five minutes. He returned hastily.

Chapter LXVIII.—"There is a big steamer heading this way—a liner, I fancy," he gasped, half choked with spray. "I fear she is disabled. She is firing rockets, and I suppose her siren is going constantly, though I cannot hear it."

Chapter LXIX.—He ran to the room beneath. Flushed with this new excitement, the girls donned their oilskin coats and arranged their sou'westers. When he hurried up the stairs he was carrying four rockets. He noted their preparations.

Chapter LXX.—"Don't come out until I have fired the alarm signal," he shouted, "and tie your dresses tightly around your knees."

Chapter LXXI.—They heard the loud hissing of the rockets, and the four reports traveled dully from the sky. Three white star bursts and one red told the Land's End coast guards that a ship in need of help was near the Gulf Rock. Probably they had already seen the vessel's signals. In any event they would not miss the display from the lighthouse.

Chapter LXXII.—Walking with difficulty, the girls crept out on to the balcony.

Chapter LXXIII.—Brand had already gone to the windward side. The first rush of the gale made them breathless, yet they persevered and reached him. They were greeted by a climber, but their father, with a hand on their shoulders, pressed them down, and the spray crashed against the lantern behind them. He knew they would take no harm. When the vessel passed, their boots and stockings would be soaked. Then he could insist that they should go to bed.

Chapter LXXIV.—At last they distinguished nothing save a chaotic blend of white and yellow foam, driving over the reef at an apparently incredible speed. Over the head the black pall of the sky seemed to touch the top of the lantern. Around, in a vast circle carved out of the murky wilderness, the wondrous beam of the light fought and conquered its unwearied foes.

Chapter LXXV.—Constance caught the three quick flashes of the Seven Stones lightship, away to the right. She fancied she saw a twinkling ahead, but this was the St. Agnes light, and neither girl could make out their slight nor sound until Brand pointed steadily toward one spot in the darkness.

Chapter LXXVI.—Before they could follow his indication they were compelled to duck to avoid another wave. Then, as if it had just popped up out of the sea, they divined a tiny white spark swinging slowly across a considerable area. It was by that means that Brand had estimated the size and nearness of the steamer, and soon they glimpsed the red and green side lights, though ever and anon these were hidden by the torrents of water sweeping over her decks. Of the vessel they could see nothing whatever.

Chapter LXXVII.—Steadily she rolled along her fearful path. Having once found her, there was no difficulty in estimating the rapidity of her approach. Enid, whose eyes were strong and farsighted, fancied she caught a fitful vision of a big black hull laboring in the yellow waves. Though it was difficult to speak, she crept close to Brand and screamed: "Is she drifting on to the reef?"

Chapter LXXVIII.—"I fear so," he answered. "Then she will be lost!"

Chapter LXXIX.—"Yes, unless they manage to pass to the left of the reef," he said.

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was visible of the great steamer was some portion of her hull and the solidly built bow, which was not wrecked from the keel plate until another hour had passed.

The agonized cry of a strong man is a fearful thing. Constance, by reason of the gathering at the side of the gallery, was unable to see all that was taking place, but the yell which went up from the onlookers told her that something out of the common even on this night of thrills had occurred.

"What is it, dad?" she asked as her father came to her.

"The end of the ship," he said. "The captain has gone with her."

"Oh, dear, why wasn't I saved?" "I think he refused to desert his ship. His heart was broken, I expect. Now, Connie, duty first."

Indeed, she required no telling. As each of the shipwrecked men entered the lantern she handed him a glass of spirits, asked if he were injured and told him exactly how many lights of stars he had to descend. But cocoa and biscuits would be brought soon, she explained. Greatly amazed, but speechless for the most part, the men obeyed her directions.

One of the last to claim her attention was the young American, Mr. Pyne. Her face lit up pleasantly when she saw him.

"I was wondering what had become of you," she said. "My sister has asked me several times if you had arrived."

and I imagined that I must have missed you by some chance." Now, all this was Greek to him, or nearly so. Indeed, had it been intelligible Greek, he might have guessed its purport more easily.

Holding the glass in his hand, he looked at her in frank, open-eyed wonder. To be hailed so gleefully by a good looking girl whom he had never to his knowledge set eyes on was somewhat of a mystery, and the puzzle was made all the more difficult by the fact that she had discarded the weather-proof accoutrements needed when she first returned forth on the gallery.

"I'm real glad you're pleased. My name is Charles A. Pyne," he said slowly.

It was Constance's turn to be bewildered. Then the exact situation dawned on her.

"How stupid of me," she cried. "Of course you don't recognize me again. My sister and I happen to be alone with my father on the rock tonight. We were with him on the balcony when you acted so bravely. You see, the light shone clear on your face."

"I'm glad it's shining on yours now," he said.

"You must go two floors below this," said she severely. "I will bring you some cocoa and a biscuit as quickly as possible."

"I am not a bit tired," he commented, still looking at her.

"That is more than I can say," she answered, "but I am so delighted that we managed to save so many poor people."

"How many?"

"Seventy-eight. But I dare not ask you how many are lost. It would make me cry, and I have no time for tears. Will you really help to carry a tray?"

"Just try me."

At the top of the stairs Constance called to her father:

"Anything you want, dad?"

"Yes, dear. Find out the chief officer and send him to me. He can eat and drink here while we talk."

CHAPTER VIII.

"PLEASE be careful. These stairs are very steep," said Constance, swinging the lantern close to her companion's feet as they climbed down the topmost flight.

"I fall," he assured her, "you will be the chief sufferer."

"All the more reason why you should not fall. Wait here a moment. I must have a look at the hospital."

The visiting officer's room, which also served the purposes of a library and recreation room in normal times, now held fourteen injured persons, including two women, one of them a stewardess, and a little girl.

Most of the sufferers had received their wounds either in the saloon or by collision with the cornice of the light-house. The worst accident was a broken arm, the most alarming a case of cerebral concussion. Other injuries consisted for the most part of cuts and bruises.

Unfortunately, when the ship struck, the surgeon had gone off to attend to an engineer whose hand was crushed as the result of some frantic lurch caused by the hurricane. Hence the doctor was lost with the first batch of victims. Ed discovered that among the few steerage passengers saved was a man who had guinea some experience in a field hospital during the campaign in Cuba. Aided by the medicine chest of the light-house, the ex-hospital orderly had done wonders already.

"All I want, miss," he explained in answer to Constance's question, "is some water and some linen for bandages. The lint outfit in the chest is not half sufficient."

She vanished, to return quickly with a sheet and a pair of scissors.

"Now," she said to Mr. Pyne, "if you come with me I will send you back with a pair of water."

She took him to the kitchen, where Ed, aided by a sailor, pressed into service, was dispensing cocoa and biscuits. Pyne, who remained in the stairway, went off with the water and Constance's lantern. The interior of the light-house was utterly dark.

move without a light and with no prior knowledge of its internal arrangements was positively dangerous. All told, there were seven lamps of various sizes available. Brand had one, four were distributed throughout the apartments, and the men shivering in the entrance passage had no light at all.

Constance took Ed's lantern in order to discover the whereabouts of Mr. Emmett, the first officer, the tray carrying sailor offering to guide her to him.

When Pyne came back he found Ed in the dark and mistook her for Constance.

"They want some more," he cried at the door.

"Some more what?" she demanded. It was no time for elegant diction. Her heart jumped each time the sea sprang at the rock. It seemed to be so much worse in the dark.

"Water," said he.

"Dear me! I should have thought everybody would be fully satisfied in that respect."

He held up the lantern.

"Well, that's curious," he cried. "I imagined you were the other young lady. The water is needed in the hospital."

"Why didn't you say so?" she snapped, being in reality very angry with herself for her dizziness. She gave him a full pail, and he quitted her.

Constance, having delivered her father's message to Mr. Emmett, was greeted with a tart question when she reentered the kitchen.

"Why on earth didn't you tell me that young man was attending to the injured people? Is he a doctor?"

"I think not. What happened?"

"He came for a second supply of water and nearly bit my head off."

"Oh, Ed! I am sure he did not mean anything. Didn't you recognize him? It was he who climbed the mast and feng the rope to us."

"There," said Ed, "I've gone and done it! Honestly, you know, it was I who was riding. He will think me a real fool."

"That isn't what people are saying," explained Mr. Pyne, whose approach was denuded by the outer noise. "There's a kind of general idea floating round that this locality is an annex of heaven, with ministering angels in attendance."

In the half light of the tiny lamps he could not see Ed's scarlet face. There was a moment's silence, and this very self possessed youth spoke again.

"The nice things we all have to tell you will keep," he said. "Would you mind letting me know in which rooms you have located the ladies?"

Constance, as major domo, gave the information asked for.

"They are in the two bedrooms overhead. Poor things! I am at my wits' end to know how to get their clothing dried. You see, Mr. Pyne, my sister and I have no spare clothes here. We only came to the rock this afternoon by the merest chance."

"That is just what was troubling me," he answered. "I am sort of interested in one of them."

"Oh," said Constance, "I do wish I could help! But, indeed, my own skirts are wringing wet."

"From what I can make out, then, my prospective step-aunt will catch a very bad cold."

The queer phrase puzzled the girls, but Constance, rarely for her, jumped at a conclusion.

"Your prospective step-aunt. You mean, perhaps, your dance's aunt?" she suggested.

"I don't know the lady. No, no, no. I was right first time. Mrs. Vanstair is going to marry my uncle, so I keep an eye on her stock to that extent."

"How stupid of me!" she explained, while a delighted giggle from Ed did not help to warm matters. So Constance became very stately.

"I will ask Mrs. Vanstair to come out and speak to you," she began.

"No, no! I don't wish that. You might tell her I am all right. That is the limit. And may I make a suggestion?"

(To Be Continued.)

WHEAT HARVEST GENERAL

By End of Week Grain Will All Be in the Shock.

The cutting of wheat is becoming general and by the last of the week the greater part of that grain in this section will be in the shock. While the average is not large as compared with the average usually devoted to corn or oats, it is said to be larger than is usual in this section.

Cuts will not as a rule be ready to cut before July 10. Although there are some fields that may be available the bulk of the grain shows the effects of the late season and is a bit backward.

Generally speaking the corn is small. The stand is good. The grain is simply late. Except in rare instances the fields are clean and free from weeds and the plants have a youthful appearance.

IKE HAD A NEW PLEA.

But It Failed to Have the Desired Effect.

In the county court Tuesday Ike Reed was arraigned on a charge of disturbing the peace. It's nothing new for Ike to be in the criminal court, but he was not at a loss for a plea. He talked so much that it was with difficulty that Judge Smith could make himself heard, passing sentence that he pay \$10 and costs.

Ike argued that he was no longer a resident of Macon county that he was now a citizen of Chicago and that as a matter of simple justice he should be permitted to return to his home and be supplemented that plea with the statement that if permitted to depart Decatur would know him no more forever.

The state's attorney, however, was on to the fact that if Ike's home was really in Chicago he had not been there since last Christmas. Ike is in jail.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Edward Marcella to Eva E. Binlon, a lot 55x63 feet in John Williams' addition; \$1,400.

Henry Mueller to Ephraim Orr, lot 5, block 2 of Y. & E. King's addition; also a lot 45x40 on West Eldorado street; \$1,150.

William E. Reid to John L. Waddell, lot 11x13x13 in Church Hill addition; \$600.

Alce Sigler to George Sigler, lot 1 and 2, block 3 of Long's addition to Macon; \$1,200.

F. P. Roach to Board of Education, lots 7 and 8, block 1 of F. P. Roach's addition; \$1,200.

Elizabeth A. Burroughs to Joseph A. Gallagher, lot 15, block 1 of Marilla Dunham's place; \$1,000.

W. H. Starr et al to Joseph S. Starr, lots 6, 7, 10 and 11 in block 4 of Starr & Mills' addition; \$900.

DECATUR BILL PASSES HOUSE

Through the well directed efforts of Congressman William B. McKinley Decatur will have \$97,000 to spend on a public building. The following telegram from the congressman came to The Herald yesterday afternoon:

"Public building bill just passed the house. Decatur's total is \$110,000."

"W. B. McKINLEY."

The bill as it originally passed the house appropriated \$90,000 for the building but of this sum \$10,000 was spent for the site on the corner of Eldorado and Main street. This left \$80,000 for the building and future expenses. The addition of the \$17,000 in the bill passed yesterday makes the total available for the building \$97,000. Decatur people will appreciate the efforts of Congressman McKinley in obtaining this increase. It means a much handsomer building than we would have otherwise had.

BIRTHS.

Brady—To Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Brady, South Wheatland township, June 24, a son.

Ruben—To Mr. and Mrs. N. Ruben, 970 North Morgan street, June 24, a son. Mr. and Mrs. Ruben are natives of Russia and came to this country only about a year ago.

McIntyre—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed McIntyre, 948 South Franklin street, June 25, a daughter.

Death Recall Riddle Plot.

New York, June 28.—Funeral services for Robert B. DeLacey, a member of the "hoodie" band of aldermen of 1884, were held last night at his home in a little Harlem flat. He died Tuesday from ailments of long standing, but his death did not become generally known until today.

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When the indictments were returned in 1886 DeLacey and several of his fellow aldermen fled to Canada and for four years lived in hiding. Finally they returned, gave bail in \$40,000 each and never were tried.

DeLacey was nearly 70 years old and for years had been in feeble health. He lived alone with his wife. In his efforts to keep his identity veiled the former alderman had moved from one neighborhood to another.

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Henry Ehrbridge was arrested last night for beating his wife. The matter was reported to the police and the patrol wagon went out and got him.

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One of the dealers said: "I can't understand why it is that when there is so little difference in the price that any one should prefer the old stock, but they do and as long as there is any to offer there will be buyers for them. It is always that way."

DOMESTIC OPINIONS.

Old Hubby—Seemable woman ought to marry, I think. Young Wifey—You'd be a bachelor if that were the rule.

NEW TOLL LINE BOARD IS IN

Latest Addition to Macon County Telephone Company.

The Macon County Telephone company has added an up to date modern toll board to its equipment. The work of installing it began Saturday night and continued all day Sunday and Sunday night, and when Manager Hankins went home at daylight Monday morning he was tired out but satisfied with the completion of the work. With the opening of business Monday morning the use of the board commenced and it worked splendidly from the start. It is a sixty-line board with two operator positions and two of towns that can be reached over this board in nearly incalculable. There are twenty trunk lines running to the board with ten order lines cut over to the city board. It has the electric light signal system and is about the same board in general as the one recently established for the city service. There is a switch on the new board so that it can be cut over to the city board at night, when the toll business is light, and thereby operated from the city board. There is not a thing about the new board that is not the latest in the manufacture of electrical appliances of that class and its installation merely adds to the efficiency of the office, which has been greatly increased since the improvements were commenced some months ago.

The Macon County company now has one of the finest plants in this section in this city. The number of subscribers is constantly increasing and the company is supplying editors with a strictly first class service—as good as that furnished by any telephone company in the state.

"DAD" STEARNS FINISHES SHAVE

That He Started to Take One Day During the War.

PALS DON'T KNOW HIM

Makes a Resolution to Go Smooth Shaven.

Dad Stearns has had a shave. Ordinarily the mere matter of having a shave is of so little moment that it's not worth considering except that most frequently it's not done unless a man does the job himself. But in Dad's case it is something of an event for it is the first shave he has had since he was moved from his home in Chicago to this city. The life time of an ordinary man for with Dad life times or other things count not by years.

Was Called to Arms.

Once, a long time ago when Dad was busy putting down the rebellion, when he wasn't quite as old as he is now. One day while he was softly rubbing his chinny chin and wouldn't you know it he thought he'd have a shave. He thought that a good shave was like. At that moment Dad was on the frigate coming to act. In less than a second he had shaved his face. Within the next fraction of a second the drums beat to quarters and then for six days Dad and the balance of the force were up to their chins in fight. He quite forgot the shave. Ever since that time he has been so busy that he never had time to take up the razor.

Wednesday, June 27, 1906. Dad paused for a long, deep breath, and then the thought came to him that he had never finished the shave that he began one day in '61. Nerve gave up, away back in '61.

Mystery Revealed.

Within a few seconds he had a razor going over his face and the latter that he put on that day the hair was shaved. He thought that was white whiskers on his face but it wasn't. It was the latter he put on there forty odd years ago and had forgotten all about it. Since that time he has been so busy that he never had time to take up the razor. Dad declares that he will regularly shave hereafter, even if he does look like Alex McIntosh.

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COLD WATER CHAUTAUQUA

Temperance People Will Have Six Day Meeting Next Month.

SOME GOOD TALENT

On the Program Which Has Been Arranged.

From the 17th to the 23rd of July inclusive the temperance and prohibition forces of Decatur and Macon county will hold a chautauqua. The tent will be pitched on the vacant lot on the corner of Central avenue and North Water street, which was set aside at the cost of \$15,000 by the state committee. There are lecturers, chalk talkers, singers, readers, and impersonators, stereopticon lectures, orchestra, musical numbers, solos, and quartettes and many other attractions.

Hon. Frank S. Regan, ex-member of the Illinois legislature, a cartoonist who has delighted audiences east, west, north and south will deliver lectures illustrated by rapid crayon drawings. A national lecturer for the W. C. T. U., and Equal Suffrage association will be in attendance and speak a number of times. She never fails to delight all who hear her.

Edw. W. Chaffin, national grand counselor for the independent order of Good Templars, will lecture. Mr. Canfield, a lecturer from the W. C. T. U., will also be one of the most brilliant and popular speakers in the United States.

Colonel John Sobieski of Los Angeles, Cal., who has lectured in this country and Europe, for the past twenty-five years, needs no introduction to Decatur audiences.

The Monday quartette will furnish music and Chester L. Ricketts, reader and impersonator, will be one of the attractions. It is the purpose of the temperance people to hold a chautauqua in this city. The chautauqua will be at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. The afternoon meetings will be on the subject of prohibition and temperance and the night meetings, popular lectures and entertainments.

On Sunday the tent will be given to the ministers of the city and good citizenship meetings will occupy the forenoon. In some of the lectures the temperance league has taken the Sunday services, making it in every sense a great union temperance meeting.

Temperance literature will be sold at the week day meetings. Season tickets transferable, will sell at \$1, single admission at 50 cents. The purchaser thus gets twelve splendid entertainments at the little less than 10¢ apiece. Children under 15 years of age if accompanied by parents are admitted free.

It is expected that this great tent meeting will bring to the city of Decatur from 500 to 1,000 people each day and it is under the auspices of the temperance forces throughout Macon county and representatives of all denominations and all temperance societies are interested in the success of this great tent meeting.

FRIENDS HERE GET BAD NEWS

Expecting Visit from Mrs. David McCullom, Hear of Her Death.

Word was received in this city by telegram Tuesday that Mrs. David McCullom at her home in Lincoln, Kan. Many people in this city and in the vicinity of Cicero, and Monticello will remember Mrs. McCullom as Miss Francis Talbert. The news of her death came as a great shock to her many friends in this locality as it was not even known that she was ill. Her death was particularly sad owing to the fact that she was making arrangements for her annual summer home in Cicero, Ill. She and her husband were looking for her almost any day thinking that she had already started on the trip. Miss Talbert was married in this city nine years ago to Mr. David McCullom, who is now a prominent attorney of Lincoln, and is at present making a campaign for the office of state's attorney of Lincoln county.

She is survived by her husband and three children, the oldest of whom is 6 years of age and the youngest is less than 1 year. Mrs. McCullom is survived by three sisters, Mrs. William Piper of Cicero, Mrs. Joe Miller of Latham, and Mrs. Jess Irwin of Monticello. Mr. McCullom and Mrs. McCullom left for Lincoln as soon as the telegram was received, and no further particulars of the death are known except that it occurred sometime Tuesday. It is thought that the body will be buried in Lincoln, as all of her husband's relatives are buried at that place.

Before her marriage in this city Mrs. McCullom was employed in the office of Attorney L. A. Buckingham, and also in the office of John W. Davis.

Rosecoe Tolliver Recovering.

Rosecoe Tolliver of 246 West King street, a traveling salesman for the National Glass Company, who has been dangerously ill with appendicitis for some time past, is rapidly recovering. It was thought at first by the attending physician that the patient would not recover from his sickness, but if he continues to improve as he has been doing for the past few days, he will be entirely well in a short time.

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WOODMEN GO TO ST. LOUIS

Attend Gathering at Which Class of 2,000 Will Be Initiated.

The Modern Woodmen will have a big time today at St. Louis. There will be initiated a class of about 2,000 and members of the order from all over the country will be in attendance. Quite a number will go from Decatur. The drill team of Eastern Camp No. 1626 will attend, leaving on the early morning train. The team will give exhibition drills. It is composed of the following: Jesse Dowell, captain; D. C. Snyder, sergeant; John Selitz, Roy Schriver, John Collins, J. P. Richter, E. W. Oliver, John E. Nims, C. W. Barford, C. G. Rundy, S. T. Downey, M. N. Parrish, J. A. Schunleker, H. Lamoth, C. Foster, F. V. Nihart, Arthur Lynch, E. W. Larrick and Ira W. McBee.

The following officers of the camp will go to St. Louis at 11:15 a. m., to witness the exercises: T. J. Osborne, Samuel Mount, Harry Rutherford, C. H. Downey and Samuel Jay.

The Jefferson hotel will be the headquarters. There will be drills by the Forester teams in uniform. There will be an open meeting in the afternoon, a dinner at 6 o'clock and a fine program at night at the Jai Alai building, 5700 Delmar avenue, to which all members of the order will be admitted by the pass word.

Members of the Royal A. Neighbors will also be present at the gathering. It will be one of the biggest initiations that has ever been held by the order.

BERLIN SENDS SYMPATHY

And Express Horror at the Atrocities Perpetrated on Jews.

Berlin, June 27.—At a largely attended meeting here tonight to consider the Russian massacre, a resolution was adopted and ordered telegraphed to the lower house of the Russian parliament, expressing sympathy with the victims of the massacre and indignation at the atrocities and hope that parliament will be able to punish the offenders, and that culture and progress may bring Russian constitutional rights and religious freedom as a pledge of personal and friendly relations with Germany.

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ARE GUESTS OF LONDON PRESS

German Editors Entertained by Their Brethren in British City.

London, June 27.—The editors of Germany's leading newspapers of all shades of politics are guests in London this week of British editors in furtherance of the movement started by W. T. Stead to bring about an understanding with Germany. The only London papers holding aloof from the celebration are the Times and the Mail, both of which are noted for their consistent and anti-German editorial.

The German editors were entertained at a dinner in the Whitehall rooms, when speeches breathing the most cordial spirit of good will were exchanged and writing calculated to inflame international feeling were deprecated.

First Disarm the Press.

Dr. Edward Barth, editor of Die Nation of Berlin, one of Germany's most influential publicists, declared: "Military disarmament is good, but it never will be attained until after the press is disarmed."

London this summer is indeed the center of the movement for promoting the international good will. First came the French and now the German guests. Next comes the interparliamentary conference, to be held in Westminister late in July, at which delegates from every existing parliament including the Russian duma, will discuss measures for advancing the cause of universal peace.

Meet in House of Lords.

The royal gallery of the house of lords, a vast and noble apartment, will be entertained at a grand luncheon in historic Westminster hall, when upward of 800 are expected to sit down.

The setback given to singleness in the last election makes this movement for peace a reality in the country.

KINDLED FIRE WITH GASOLINE

Leonard Hudson of Canton, Ill., Severely Burned As Result.

Leonard Hudson of Canton, Ill., who is visiting at the home of his grandfather, Hiram Graybill, on East Railroad avenue, was the victim of a painful accident Wednesday morning. He was building a fire in the kitchen, and in order to make it burn faster, he thought that he would put coal oil on it. He asked a little girl who was standing near him at the time to hand him the coal oil can, but instead of this she picked up the gas can, and handed it to the boy. Not noticing the difference the boy poured some of it on the fire, and striking a match, stooped down in front of the stove to light the fire. As soon as the match came in contact with the gas, it flared up, severely burning young Hudson on the face and the backs of his hands. The little girl who was standing near him was not injured in the least. Dr. A. F. Wilhelm was called to attend to the boy's injuries.

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